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This Apple is very generally cultivated in the gardens near London, and is much esteemed as a winter fruit for the dessert. Its origin we have not been able to ascertain, and the name does not occur in any of the old Catalogues of Apples. Specimens of the fruit have been sent to the author under various appellations; but the name by which it is known to the nurserymen and market salesmen is the one here adopted.

The trees of this variety are of very healthy appearance, and moderately productive; the branches slender; young shoots downy. Leaves large, of a very dark green on their upper surface, pale and woolly beneath; deeply and sharply serrated. The fruit is of good size, or rather large for a dessert apple; of a compressed globular form, being flattened at both ends; often, when grown on espalier trees, measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in its transverse diameter, and $1\frac{3}{4}$ longitudinally, though the average size is much less. The skin is rather thick; the ground colour pale dull yellowish green, tinted and streaked with red on the side next the sun, and becoming very deep and handsomely coloured when ripened in a favourable exposure: some streaks of russet brown are generally observed around the insertion of the stalk, and extending over a considerable portion of the shaded side of the fruit; a number of minute

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